

REMARKS

Drawings

Corrected drawings are attached.

Specification

The abstract and title have been corrected.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 14 has been amended to clarify that the *subset* is transmitted periodically.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 1 has been amended. The Applicant submits that neither *Babu* (U.S. Patent No. 6,122,639) nor *Chao* (U.S. Patent No. 5,964,837) discloses or would have made obvious the limitation of amended claim 1 requiring “determining, in the network device, a transmission order in which to transmit the elements of the subset, the transmission order being independent of the event order.” Claim 19 contains a similar limitation and is patentable for at least the same reason. Each of the remaining claims depends on claim 1 or 19, and is likewise patentable for at least the same reason.

The Applicant amends the claims solely to expedite prosecution of this application. The amendments are not to be construed as an admission that the claims prior to amendment are unpatentable. Furthermore, in addition to the above arguments, there may be other good grounds for patentability of the claims.

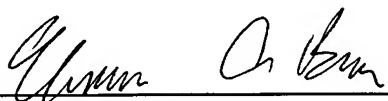
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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement sheets of drawings includes changes to Figs. 1-3 and replaces the original sheet including these figures. The figures have been redrawn to conform to the Examiner's requirements, but have not been substantively changed.

Attachments following last page of this Amendment (attached as Attachment 2):

Replacement Sheet (3 pages)